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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01/07/2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Klein (US Pub No. 2002/0007407.)
3. As per claim 1 and 10, Klein disclosed a method for selecting a connection protocol to establish a wireless communication between a computer and a local area network (**Klein teaches the method for establishing a wireless communication between a computer and a local area network. See sec [0007], sec [0037]. Klein also teaches selecting the profile for communication and the profile includes the communication protocol information. See sec [0045].)**

receiving at least one signal; determining whether said at least one signal is being broadcast by a wireless port of the local area network; **(the remote unit 15 receives the signals. See sec [0032]. Klein teaches the connection between one or multiple links between WLANs and remote unit 15. Hence, the signals has been determined if the WLAN exists for connection. See sec [0042].)**

evaluating said at least one signal to determine a type of wireless port by which said at least one signal is being broadcast; **(See sec [0036].)**

if said at least one signal is being broadcast by a wireless port of the local area network, initiating a connection protocol that is compatible with said wireless port **(Klein teaches the future attempts at WLAN network association are made in priority order. The priority orders are based on the profile and profile includes the connection protocol for each WLAN networking. See sec [0045].)**

4. As per claims 2 and 11-12, Klein teaches receiving signals broadcast by a plurality of wireless ports of the local area network; and selecting one of said signals. In addition, Klein teaches determining that a plurality of received signals is being broadcast by wireless ports of the local area network. **(See sec [0042].)**

5. As per claims 3, Klein teaches evaluating said signal comprises evaluating said selected signal **(See sec [0066].)**

6. As per claim 5, Klein teaches attempting to establish a connection between the computer and said at least one wireless port by way of said connection protocol **(See sec [0045].)**

7. As per claim 6, Klein teaches providing the local area network with at least one security identifier upon completion of said establishing said connection **(Klein teaches providing the local area network with the security identifier ESSID. After the completion of establishing connection, the connection between remote unite and server are established and the security identification are sent with profile to WLAN system. See sec [0010], sec [0045].)**

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8. As per claims 7 and 14, Klein teaches other wireless port of the local area network (**Klein teaches varieties of mobile unit, such as printer, computer, or display. See sec [0028].**) Klein also teaches receiving, evaluating signal and initiating a connection protocol, that has been taught in claim rejection 1 in this office action.

Klein also teaches the following limitation:

Attempting to establish a connection between the computer and said another wireless port by way of said connection protocol when said attempting to establish said connection between the computer and said at least one wireless port is not completed (**See sec [0042].**), and by selected signal is being broadcast (**Klein teaches if the connection fails, selecting next highest priority, which would be different protocol. See sec [0036], sec [0042], and sec [0066].**)

9. As per claim 8, Klein teaches receiving another signals comprises moving the computer to another location (**Klein teaches roaming system, which is moving the mobile unit from one local network to other. See sec [0004].**)

10. As per claim 9, selecting another local area network with which to connect the computer when said connection between the computer and said at least one wireless port is not established using said connection protocol (**See sec [0045].**)

11. As per claim 15, Klein disclosed a workstation configured to select a connection protocol for establishing wireless communication with a local area network (**See Fig. 1, Klein.**) comprising:

at least one processor; (**220, Fig. 2, Klein.**)

at least one wireless network access device in communication with said at least one processor; **(225, Fig. 2, Klein.)**

at least one storage medium configured to communicate with said at least one processor **(221, Fig. 2, Klein.)** said at least one storage medium comprising instructions stored in data format **(See sec [0038], Klein)** for:

causing said at least one wireless network access device to receive at least one signal being broadcast by a wireless port of the local area network and to communicate said at least one signal to said at least one processor in a format recognizable by said at least one processor **(acknowledge packet could be interpreted as broadcasting by a wireless port of the local area network. See Fig. 3 and 4, sec [0032], sec [0034]-[0036], sec [0038], and sec [0042], Klein.)**

enabling said at least one processor to evaluate said at least one signal to identify a type of wireless port from which said at least one signal was broadcast **(See sec [0028], sec [0034], Klein.); and**

instructing said at least one processor to select a connection protocol appropriate for establishing communication with said wireless port based on said type thereof **(Klein teaches exchanging protocol for transmitting and receiving in order to connection with WLAN system devices. See sec [0032], and sec [0069], Klein.)**

12. As per claim 16, Klein teaches the instructions cause said at least one processor to instruct said at least one wireless network access device to initiate said connection protocol **(See sec [0034], sec [0069], Klein.); and**

if communication is established between said at least one wireless network access device and said wireless port, causing said at least one processor to communicate at least one security identifier to the local area network (**See sec [0045], Klein.**)

13. As per claim 17, Klein teaches instructions cause said at least one processor to automatically communicate said at least one security identifier to the local area network (**See sec [0045], Klein.**)

14. As per claim 18, Klein teaches instructions cause said at least one processor to query a user to enter said at least one security identifier through an input device of the workstation prior to causing said at least one processor to communicate said at least one security identifier to the local area network (**Klein teaches the security identifier ESSID is created prior communication with local area network. See Fig. 6 and sec [0045].**)

15. As per claims 19-20, Klein teaches enabling said at least one processor to identify at least one signal that was broadcast by a wireless port of the local area network from a plurality of signals receives by said at least one wireless network access device and causing said at least one processor to select a single signal from a plurality of signal that were broadcast by wireless ports of the local area network (**Klein teaches the instruction could automatically find the correct WLAN to establish the connection from the plurality of WLANs. If the connection fails, the next proper WLAN would be selected. See sec [0066], Klein.**)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

16. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

17. Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klein (US Pub No. 2002/0007407.), in view of Pinard et al. (US Pat. No. 6,582,700.)

18. Klein teaches selecting one of signals based on priority (**See sec [0042], Klein.**). Klein does not teach selecting by one of a strength or clarity. However, Pinard et al. teaches selects the signal by the strength of the priority (**See col 6, lines 31-35, Pinard et al.**) Since Pinard et al. teach the system is selecting a access point through WLAN system (**See col 4, lines 26-38, and col 6, lines 31-35, Pinard et al.**), it would have been obvious for one who have ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to select one of signals based on the strength based on the structure of Klein, in view of Pinard et al. because Pinard et al. and Klein both teach selecting the network signals in the WLAN system (**See col 4, lines 26-38, and col 6, lines 31-35, Pinard et al. See sec [0042], Klein.**)

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Liou whose telephone number is 571-272-8136. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 5:00PM Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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